

EL PASO HERALD

UNITED VERDE BEGINS BOOM

Jerome, Ariz., May 8.—There is understanding that the United Verde extension has started on a campaign of increased production and that its work is being limited by the ability of the mine to get out the ore. This appears to be a general policy in almost all Arizona mining camps, based on the declining stocks of copper, with the prospect of a stiff European demand soon.

A contract for the extension of the United Verde has been awarded, at \$141,000 to the William Simpson Construction Company, of Los Angeles. The building will be of concrete with initial capacity for 12,000 tons.

The Simpson company is in charge of the extension of the United Verde. It is working a large deposit of copper, high in copper and rather low in silver.

Calumet and Jerome, according to announcement made by president George W. Avery, will sink its 400 foot shaft to 1000 feet. The property has been idle for a year.

Jerome Verde will hold a special meeting of stockholders May 18, to consider a plan for lease of \$100,000 in 6 per cent notes. It is proposed to sell \$100,000 worth of bonds, to continue development in a zone believed to have connection with the extension ore bodies. From this zone, in the Mesa Top slopes, already has been taken much rich ore.

Sierra County Sees Revival Of Mining Activity

Chloride, N. M., May 8.—The old Apache mining district of Sierra County, New Mexico, promises to become one of the most active mining sections of the southwest during the summer. Properties idle for years are being opened again and shipments are actually being made to the El Paso smelter.

The California owners of the Mid-Night mine are preparing for real mining. They have taken in a sawmill, an air compressor, hoist and other machinery and expect to be ready to go to production about the first of July. This property was formerly worked to considerable depth and while full of water, the records of the operations disclose large bodies of milling ore, which makes certain the erection of a mill some time during the year.

E. F. Vassar is putting pumps, hoists and other machinery on the old Colorado and expects to start shipping ore as soon as the lower workings have been cleared of water. His company has put in a truck and is handling its own heavy hauling, freighters being hard to secure. This property was one of those closed down when silver slumped in the late '90s.

An eastern company is figuring on the cost of unwatering the U. S. Treasury property near Chloride and it is expected this preliminary work will begin during the month.

The mill of the Silver Mountain mine has been taken much rich ore.

ARIZONA MINES SHOW ACTIVITY

Johnson, Ariz., May 8.—Johnson Development, under J. T. Tong, has been re-energizing its shift to water power at 300 feet, where a steam pump has been installed.

Arizona United has installed a steam hoist and has scrapped its internal combustion engine, now useless in view of the decision of the Standard Oil company to supply no more distillate.

A leasing company headed by J. H. Smith, of Dragoon, is making shipments of rich silver-lead ore to El Paso. High grade copper ore is being shipped from the Copper Chino.

R. W. Wain and associates of Johnson have leased the old Harvard mine in the Winchester mountains.

Property worked years ago by George P. Hearst. The mine has a large vein of quartz, carrying silver in pockets. The ore will be welcomed for its silica at the Douglas smelter.

Metals company has been running for some time and the concentrates are being hauled to Engle for shipment to the smelter. This company has been steadily at work since last August and, according to reports, some of the ore taken out is too high grade to be shipped the usual way and is being carried overland to El Paso in light trucks. This property, situated 10 miles west of Chloride, is the deepest workings in the district. It has a wonderful producer and it is said that recent development has demonstrated the vein to be a great strike in real "bonanza" properties, and it is said Albuquerque parties have had their representatives out quietly buying up properties along the same vein.

It is known that an Albuquerque man recently purchased a property on this vein from which he has taken ore going \$45 to the ton. No information is obtainable from the management of the company operating the big property, but as extensive improvements are being made at both mine and mill, and it is admitted new ore has been recently been cut, it is certain that this activity will continue and increase during the summer and fall.

Summer Season At San Diego Is Starting Early

San Diego, Calif., May 8.—San Diego's summer season, opening a month earlier than ever before, promises this year to be the most brilliant and delightful on record. May day was chosen for the opening celebration, and for the next five months the splendid beaches with which this city is favored will be the sojourn place for hosts of visitors from inland cities.

Last year the accommodations at the several beaches were taxed from the opening day. This year, with additional accommodations at the beaches and in the city, San Diego is prepared to entertain all who come.

Coronado Tent City, Ocean Beach, La Jolla, Del Mar and Pacific Beach are resorts which the past year have lured people from every state in the west. The area of Tent City has been extended, more luxurious cottages erected, and additional facilities provided for entertainment. Still water bathing on the bay side and surf bathing on the ocean beach are features of the summer life at Tent City.

The Silver Strand of Coronado—miles of hard clean sand stretching to the Mexican border daily during the summer months is dotted with white and children, while at night the darkness is pierced by innumerable camp fires around which laughter and music ring out from the thousands of campers.

The San Diego-California club, composed of the best of the city, plans to acquaint people with the advantages and delights of a summer sojourn here by extending a welcome to all who come to the city.

CROPS IN TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO

Crop report No. 2, issued by the freight traffic department of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway company, under date of April 26, shows the following for New Mexico and Texas:

New Mexico.—There is very little farming done in the territory adjacent to the Rock Island lines in New Mexico. The crops in this section are wheat, alfalfa, cotton, corn, and broom corn, but it is too early to secure any reliable figures as to the amount of crops raised. The wheat crop will be larger than last year. There is considerable wheat and other small grain raised on the plains south of the Rock Island lines. Reports indicate the wheat acreage will be increased fully 25 per cent. North of the Rock Island lines, the wheat crop will be considerably increased on account of good crops last year. The grass has not suffered much to date, but rain is now badly needed. Water is still plentiful and cattle are in good condition.

Panhandle Wheat Suffers.—Texas.—In the Texas Panhandle wheat has suffered slightly from the want of rain and the high winds are doing some damage. Rice is in better condition than wheat, but the oats are being cut by high winds. Farmers are working hard, and considerable land is being plowed under, presumably for planting new crops. It is too early to give definite figures as to acreage, but reports indicate there will be an increase in the acreage of wheat, corn, and the land which has been sown to oats will be utilized for row crops. In addition to the increased cotton acreage around El Paso, Rock and Benoni, considerable acreage will be planted to cotton in the vicinity of El Paso.

In the western central, northern and northwestern sections wheat and oats prospects are very encouraging. Rain is badly needed. Wheat is holding up better than oats. There are reports of some damage to crops in the Panhandle, but the young crop later damaged by frost, will be replanted to cotton. Farmers are just beginning to plant milo, kafir and felerita but future is needed to soften the ground. Cotton planting has not begun in the central and northern sections. The need of sunshine and warm growing weather, otherwise these crops are in good condition. The situation with the cotton crop is practically all of the corn killed by the freeze two weeks ago has been replanted. The cotton crop is being planted through these sections. The peach crop reported to be better than last year due to the recent frost. About 65 percent of the tomato plants in the fields are reported to have been killed by the freeze. The strawberry crop is about 75 percent of normal. Peanuts are being planted under favorable conditions. Sweet potatoes are also being planted. Potatoes are progressing satisfactorily.

In southern Texas the weather has been dry, which delayed rice and cotton planting. There is a report that there was almost an inch of rain in the territory surrounding Houston, which was very beneficial in growing the crops. About 50 percent of the corn land has been plowed, and 75 percent planted, but very little is coming up account of dry weather. The tomato crop was damaged by the freeze, but some has been replanted.

El Paso Officer Aids Poles Drive Back Red Forces

An El Paso boy is among the American officers fighting valiantly with the Poles, who are driving back the Bolsheviks on a wide front, according to dispatches to the Polish legation in Washington.

The American flyers, fighting under the name of the Koshchak squadron. The squadron has given a good account of itself, according to advices to the legation. The legation now is calling to learn the number of "Red" flyers shot down by the Americans. The American flyers were trained on the front in France during the great war.

Mal, C. E. Fountalroy is in charge of the squadron. His home is in Chicago. Other members of the squadron are Capt. Martin C. Cooper, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Capt. A. H. Kelly, of Richmond, Va.; Capt. Edward Corral, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Capt. Paul Brewster, of Charleston, W. Va.; Lieut. Carl Clark, Tulsa, Okla.; Lieut. E. W. Chees, El Paso, Tex.; and Lieut. Edwin Noble.

Lieut. Chees is the son of Mrs. J. D. Stalker, of the Popular Millinery department. He joined the Poles last December, going from Great Britain. He trained for the world war with the Canadian for the British Royal Flying corps.

He was a pupil in the Texas School of Mines at El Paso when he joined the Canadians. He wrote his mother recently that his salary as an officer is 1100 marks a month, equal to \$19 Polish kronen or \$5 in American money. He said he had just received a letter from Bert Orndorff.

Mrs. Stalker is just back from a business trip to New York.

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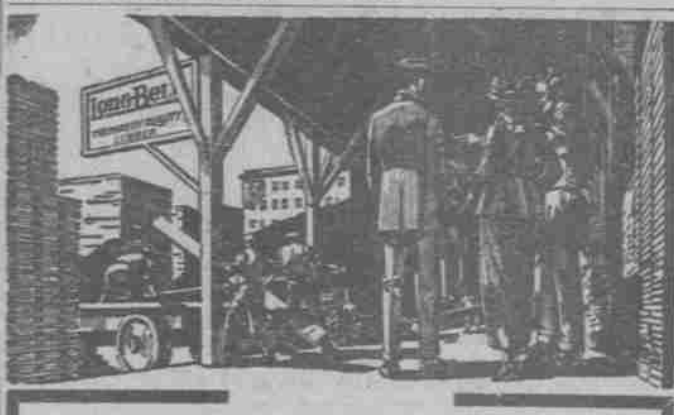
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WORK COMMONWEALTH MINE.
Pearce, Ariz., May 8.—The Commonwealth Development Company, headed by J. T. Smith, is working the Commonwealth mine with a force of 18 men, some of them leasers, and is working the ore in the cylinder mill on the property. Occasionally there is struck some exceptionally rich ore, such as four and one half tons delivered in Douglas by truck and sold to have realized \$10,000.

INSPECT MINING PROPERTY.
Phoenix, Ariz., May 8.—Walter Douglas, president of the Phelps-Dodge corporation, C. C. Fleming, of New York, of the corporation's counsel, and P. G. Beckert, general manager, have been making inspection of the corporation's southwestern mines and works.

PURCHASING AGENT NAMED.
Phoenix, Ariz., May 8.—George Jay has been appointed purchasing agent for the California Arizona company, with headquarters at Warren.



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DRILLING NEAR KELVIN.
Ray, Ariz., May 8.—Ray-Boston is drilling the Kelvin-Gilman property on the Gila near Kelvin. C. E. Hays is general manager. The Kelvin property is in the Drilling Springs section of the Phelps-Dodge property. The property is being worked by John Hayward and John Woods.

Magdalena Bay is said to be the finest harbor between Panama and the Golden Gate.

TAKES MINING POSITION.
Phoenix, Ariz., May 8.—F. H. Hayes, a Columbia man, a Lieutenant colonel in the military service and well known locally, has been named as the Phoenix branch of the Phelps-Dodge corporation, has succeeded Cleveland H. Dodge in the Douglas offices of the corporation.

VISITS MOHAVE COUNTY MINES.
Phoenix, Ariz., May 8.—H. E. McLaughlin, of Pittsburg, was a late visitor in Mohave county, Arizona, where he is president of the Payroll Consolidated Mines company at Chloride and a large stockholder in the Kingman Consolidated Mines company, formerly the Arizona State.

HEADS MINING COMPANY.
Dubois, Ariz., May 8.—Douglas Gray, of Tombstone, is president of the Gray Metals Mining company, lately organized here to work a silver-lead group in the Huachuca mountains.

FORCED TO LIVE IN TENT.
Prescott, Ariz., May 8.—Freepert has an acute house shortage. A man recently sold his house and he found he had to erect a tent on a lot adjoining it for his own use because he could not rent a place.

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